

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-21, and 29-36 are allowed, and that claims 24, 26, and 28 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 24 has been amended to include the limitations previously found in claim 26; accordingly, claim 26 has been canceled. Claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-25 and 27-36 remain pending.

Claims 22, 23, 25, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,774,039 to Drewery ("Drewery"). As stated above, independent claim 22 has been amended to recite each of the limitations previously found in claim 26, which the Examiner acknowledged as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 22, as amended, is now allowable over Drewery, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Each of claims 23-25 and 27-28 depend from claim 22 and are also allowable for at least these reasons.

The foregoing amendments adopt the Examiner's suggestions and place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Entry of the amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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